

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SCHOLARSHIP FOR CHILDREN OF PERSONS ENGAGED IN UNCLEAN OCCUPATION

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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing pre-matric scholarship scheme for children of those persons engaged in unclean occupations;
- (b) if so, the details of central share allocated and released under the scheme alongwith number of beneficiaries during 2006-07;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to cover more children under the scheme with the objective of weaning away these children from menial occupation; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Against the Budget allocation of Rs. 16.00 crore, an amount of Rs. 20.25 crore was released to the States/UTs during the year 2006-07. The anticipated coverage of beneficiaries during the year is 654902.

(c)&(d) The scheme provides for coverage of all the students eligible for scholarship under the scheme. There is no limit on number of students to be covered.